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THERE FOLLOW SUBGROUP'S INFORMAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF
"GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS ON REGIONAL COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY TO BE PRESENTED TO THE U. S. DELEGATION," WHICH WAS
PRESENTED OCT. 2:

"1) IT IS NECESSARY TO CLARIFY WHETHER THE UNITED STATES WOULD
BE PREPARED TO COMMIT ITSELF TO CONCRETE AID TO COOPERATION, AS
MUCH AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL AS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, IN SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY, AND WHAT SUCH AID WOULD CONSIST OF (FINANCIAL,
EQUIPMENT, SERVICES OT OTHERS). IT IS IMPORTANT TO QUANTIFY
THE EVENTUAL SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES, IN ORDER TO GO FURTHER THAN

THE "DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION".

"2) THE INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS TO BE USED TO CHANNEL THE AID
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IDENTIFIED IN THE PREVIOUS POINT, TO THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION,
MUST BE CLARIFIED.

"3) IT IS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANISMS (BID, WORLD BANK, ETC.) SHOULD INCLUDE IN THEIR LINES OF FINANCE, AS A PRIORITY, PROJECTS WHICH TEND TO STRENGTHEN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND APPLY THEM TO THE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT. THIS RECOMMENDATIONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE ORGANISMS AND TO THE UNITED STATES, CONSIDERING THE WEIGHT OF DECISION WHICH THIS COUNTRY HAS IN THESE ENTITIES.

"4) THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION CONSIDER THAT IT IS NECESSARY:

"-A) TO HAVE THE LIBERTY TO IDENTIFY EXPLICITLY THEIR OWN REQUIREMENTS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT BASED ON THEIR NATIONAL NEEDS.

"B) THAT THE ASSISTANCE BE ORIENTED TOWARDS THE SATISFACTION OF THE REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED BY EACH COUNTRY.

"C) THAT THIS ASSISTANCE IN NO WAY IMPLIES TECHNOLOGICAL TIES.

"5) IT IS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT TO STIMULATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, WITH DIFFERENT LEVELS OF SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT. IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT TO KNOW IF THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO GIVE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO SUCH AN INTERAMERICAN COOPERATION.

"6) THE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MUST NOT BE LIMITED TO SUPPORT IN PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE. AS HAS OCCURRED UNTIL NOW, BUT MUST ALSO CONTRIBUTE IN AN IMPORTANT WAY TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE LOCAL TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY IN RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING APPLIED TO DEVELOPMENT".
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